

Rationale for Selection Section 9.2 of EPA Order 5700.5A1
LEJCOC

1) Summary of the competition process:

All applications were reviewed and scored under a two-step process. First, all applications were screened in Headquarters (HQ) to ensure that the application meets the conditions of Threshold Eligibility Criteria. The screeners relied on the One-page Threshold Eligibility Form in conducting their review. Then, all applications that made it through the Threshold Screening Process were distributed to the EPA region with responsibility for the state in which the project is located. Each Region designated three regional reviewers to review the applications. OEJ designated three HQ reviewers to sit on all ten panels, evaluating the applications for all of the Regions. Therefore, a panel of six reviewers reviewed, scored, and ranked the applications for each Region. The rank list from each Region was sent to the OEJ Selection Official for final selection. All the applications were reviewed, scored, and ranked based on the published evaluation criteria in the Request for Applications.

2) Discussion on how the applicant ranked in comparison to other applicants

LEJCOC was the highest scored and ranked number one by the review panel.

3) Explanation of why the applicant was selected for award

They were selected because they scored the highest and ranked number one.